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## LAND RECLAMATION DIVISION

### Memorandum No. 2020-03

To: All Coal Operators/Consultants

From: Nick San Diego, Supervisor   
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Date: March 9, 2020

Re: Rulemaking Revisions

On March 4, 2020, OSMRE approved rule changes in the Federal Register. The most current version of our regulations may be found at:

<http://ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/062/062parts.html>.

In addition, that approval also addressed changes to the Surface Coal Mining Land Conservation and Reclamation Act (Act). A link to the Act is also found here:

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs5.asp?ActID=1390&ChapterID=24>.

A copy of the March 4, 2020 Federal Register is attached for your convenience.

Effective April 3, 2020, the changes are as follows:

- 1701 Amended various definitions as a result of the rule changes.
- 1703 Added a new section to allow extraction of coal as an incidental part of a government financed construction project.
- 1773 Amended section to comport with changes made to 30 CFR 773.12 and updated a section reference.
- 1774 Amended rules and provided clarification as to which reclamation plan changes require a significant permit revision.

1778 Added a new section incorporating Federal regulatory language, ensured all elements of Federal regulatory language is incorporated into the Illinois regulations and ensured language was consistent with that found in the Federal regulations.

In addition, the Act was modified to allow extraction of coal as an incidental part of a government financed construction project.

If you have any questions regarding the changes made, please don't hesitate to contact the Department.